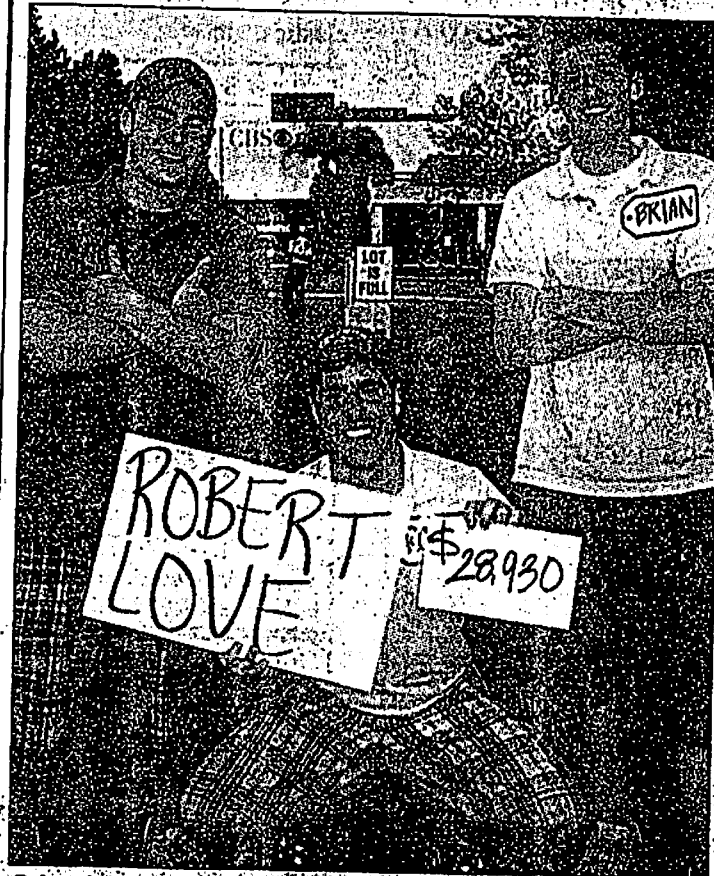


'Come on down...'



Brian Love with his two friends in front of CBS Studio in Los Angeles celebrate after winning the 'Price is Right.' The episode will air this Thursday at 11 a.m. on CBS.

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By DANIEL DI CENSO

"We've got a winner!"

So Bob Barker of "The Price is Right" would say and so he did say on May 1, when Brian Love of Bay Farm Road won a wide assortment of prizes at a taping of the popular show while on vacation in Los Angeles.

Love, a student at the University of Michigan, planned a trip to Los Angeles with 10 of his friends to visit "The Price is Right" studio to see Bob Barker before his retirement on June 6.

Love, who said he has watched "The Price is Right" his "entire life" flew to Los Angeles with two of his friends after obtaining tickets for the show.

"The tickets are free and you can get as many as you want," Love said. "But after you get the tickets you have

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to line up outside the studio and wait, because they only let the first 320 in."

Love and his friends camped outside the studio on the morning of April 30 for the following day's taping. According to Love, he and his friends were guest numbers 4, 5, and 6.

"Everybody who goes there gets a chance to be a winner on the stage," Love said. "Most of the people there are hoping to get called down."

Love said a representative from the studio would approach the people waiting outside and ask them a few brief questions, including where they were from and what their occupation was.

Love also said that based on the responses to those questions, people would be selected to go on stage.

"It's weird," Love said. "We were talking about what would happen if we won, but none of us actually believed we would."

To Love's surprise, he was among the first four to get picked.

"I was shocked to get picked," Love said. "I was really surprised. My heart was

really pounding."

"The atmosphere in there was nuts," he said. "When I heard my name I was running around and going crazy."

Love said that the first game he won was the Spelling Bee. In this game, Love said, the contestant must spell out the name of the prize by flipping coins. If the letters on the reverse side spell out the prize, the contestant wins. The contestant also has the option to stop flipping the coins and walking away with the money already gathered. In this game

out of the show having won a minivan and an arcade size Pac-Man game.

Another huge reward for Love was meeting Bob Barker.

"Nobody can dislike that guy," Love said. "He's been running that show for 35 years. I remember there being three generations of one family there. I saw a grandmother, a mother, and a daughter. They were all there watching him. Nothing can taint his image. Many girls in the audience wanted to go on stage

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Love accumulated \$1,000.

The other games Love played included 'Spin the Wheel', in which the possible prizes included a trip to Fiji. Love decided to pass on these prizes in hope of winning larger ones later on in the show.

"It was real hard to pass on them because I really wanted that trip to Fiji," he said. "Honestly, though, I had no idea how much to bet on that trip. I was thinking, 'is it \$6,000 or \$11,000'. I had no idea, so I decided it was better to pass."

In the end, Love walked

and be kissed by him. He said no because if he allows one girl to walk up to him then he has to allow all girls. But, this guy is larger than life."

Love calls his appearance on "The Price is Right," "quite an experience."

He says that he does not plan on trying out for other game shows in the near future, but his experience in the show was "easily the weirdest, most exciting, day of my life."

The episode will air on Thursday, May 17, at 11 a.m. on CBS.